

Dynamite Used As a Drug by Mrs. Griswold

Divorced Husband Says in
Will Contest Hearing She
Had Been Addicted to
Narcotics Since 1885

Mrs. Drischman on Stand

Denies Bucket of Gems
Story; Estate \$500,000
in 1915. Now \$75,000

Special Dispatch to The Tribune

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 6.—Counsel for Countess Anna St. Clair de Conzuela, who is contesting the will by which her mother, Mrs. Alice Gerry Griswold, left her only \$500 and gave the rest of her fortune to Mrs. Mary M. Drischman, who had been trustee of her estate and is said to have kept her a virtual prisoner in her home, called Mrs. Drischman herself as a witness today in Orphans' Court.

By her testimony and that of John H. Cross, who formerly managed Mrs. Griswold's affairs, it was brought out that since 1915, when Mrs. Griswold died, her property in trust to Mrs. Drischman, the estate had shrunk from \$500,000 to \$75,000. Mrs. Drischman admitted the \$75,000. Mr. Cross estimated the value of the properties at \$500,000 at the time of their transfer to her care.

Says Mrs. Griswold Used Drugs

David Stewart, an attorney from Baltimore, who was Mrs. Griswold's second husband, testified that the principal reason for their divorce was that his wife had been a drug addict since 1885. She had taken many kinds of drugs, he said, and at one time had a mania for dynamite, the main constituent of which, nitroglycerine, has been used by unscrupulous trainers as a stimulant for race horses, sometimes with fatal results.

"I could not control her," said Mr. Stewart. "She was spoiled when I first knew her. You see she was a very beautiful woman and was used to having her own way about everything."

Unable to Answer Many Queries

Mrs. Drischman was unable to answer many of the questions put to her, because, she said, she would have to refer to her books. She testified, however, that the estate now consisted of \$75,000 in Atlantic City properties, an electric automobile and some furniture.

Mr. Cross's testimony was that the estate was at least \$500,000 when he turned it over to Mrs. Drischman and yielded a net income of \$22,000. He estimated that by now it should have been a \$1,000,000 estate.

Questions put to Mrs. Drischman revealed the fact that several valuable properties which had been included in the estate had been sold or otherwise disposed of by her relatives and friends coming to them through the hands of some third person. The reason for this roundabout method of transfer she could not explain, she said, without reference to her books.

The eventual transfer of the property to her or some member of her family, however, was in accordance with the wish of Mrs. Griswold, she said, who appreciated their kindness to her and took this way of rewarding them. She testified that in 1915 she was the owner of only three properties in Atlantic City, all of them heavily mortgaged.

Denies Bucket of Jewels Episode

The episode of the bucketful of jewels described yesterday by witnesses, with the intimation that they might be those of Mrs. Griswold, never took place, Mrs. Drischman asserted. She denied that she ever had called upon Frank Roche with a pair of jewels. The mysterious disappearance of Mrs. Griswold's jewelry, valued

at \$75,000, was not explained by Mrs. Drischman, although she admitted selling some of them for \$15,000 and applying the money on a mortgage. She did this, she said, because Mrs. Griswold wished her to.

Mrs. Griswold had told her, she said, that Countess de Conzuela had treated her shabbily and had repeated a dozen times her intention of disinheriting her daughter. Mrs. Drischman said she did not have any idea how Mrs. Griswold intended to dispose of her estate.

In his testimony Mr. Stewart had told of drawing up several wills for his wife, all of which left her property to her daughter and the latter's children. Esther Souder, a stenographer, testified that Mrs. Griswold had dictated a will to her leaving her property to the countess. Mrs. Griswold told her, the witness said, that she was sick and hungry. Miss Souder said that she looked as though she was and that she was dressed in an old skirt and a man's coat. She said that Mrs. Griswold begged her to take her home to luncheon with her and she did so.

Kaber Death Plotted By Step-Daughter, Woman Tells Court

Marian McArdle Accused
at Her Trial of Playing
Part of Guide to Men
at 'Rehearsal' of Murder

CLEVELAND, Oct. 6.—Testimony that Marian McArdle not only had knowledge of the plot to murder Daniel Kaber, her stepfather, but actually aided in the plans, was introduced by the state at the twenty-year-old girl's trial for first degree murder today.

Mrs. Emma Colavito, herself under indictment for complicity in the crime, testified that Miss McArdle met Salvatore Cala the day Kaber was stabbed to death two years ago and arranged with him the plans for the entrance of Cala and Vittorio Pisselli into the Kaber home in Lakewood.

Mrs. Colavito is alleged to have hired Cala and Pisselli to commit the murder for Mrs. Eva Catherine Kaber, Miss McArdle's mother, who, with Cala, is serving a life sentence for her part in the killing. She also swore that Miss McArdle played a piano while the two men went through the house, three days before the murder, "to get the lay of the land."

Cala told the girl he was going to kill her stepfather, Mrs. Colavito testi-

fied. He remonstrated with her, according to Mrs. Colavito, because her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Brickel, also indicted for the murder, was not on the front porch of the Kaber home the night before, when the murder was originally planned.

Earlier in the day Peter S. Christensen, former chief of police of Lake-

wood, testified that Miss McArdle admitted to him in New York that she tried open the door of a buffet in the Kaber home at the request of her mother to make it appear burglars had committed the murder. He also swore the girl told him Mrs. Kaber informed her that an employee in their home had given her stepfather arsenic in soup.

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